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1 – Climate change warning is dire in new landmark report, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 10/7/18

https://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2018/10/climate_change_warning_is_dire.html#incart_river_index

The world stands on the brink of failure when it comes to holding global warming to moderate levels, and nations will need to take "unprecedented" actions to cut their carbon emissions over the next decade, according to a landmark report by the globe's top scientific body studying climate change.

2 - Report makes case for more ambitious global climate pact, E&E News, 10/9/18

<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060101813>

The goal posts for the Paris Agreement have moved. In short, the long-term goal enshrined in the 2015 Paris Agreement to keep warming to "well below 2 degrees" isn't enough anymore.

3 - Focus on 'how hard to apply the brakes,' experts say, E&E News, 10/9/18

<https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2018/10/05/stories/1060100605>

A much-anticipated report from the world's leading authorities on climate change has reignited a debate over the usefulness of the "carbon budget."

4 – EPA's new carbon plan won't slow coal unit shutdowns: utilities, Reuters, 10/5/18

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-carbon-utilities/epas-new-carbon-plan-wont-slow-coal-unit-shutdowns-utilities-idUSKCN1MF1BX>

The Trump administration's replacement of Obama-era carbon regulations will not save U.S. coal-fired power plants from shutdown, according to a Reuters survey of utilities, spelling bad news for Trump's efforts to revive the ailing coal industry.

5 - Solar, wind helping to cut CO2 emissions, government says, Houston Chronicle, 10/8/18

<https://www.chron.com/business/energy/article/Solar-wind-helping-to-cut-CO2-emissions-13284624.php>

Energy-related carbon dioxide emissions decreased nearly 1 percent last year as the nation shifted further away from coal-fired power generation and more toward cleaner sources of electricity, including natural gas and renewable energy sources like wind and solar.

6 – In state, drinking water in tests below EPA limit for 14 chemicals, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 10/7/18

<https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2018/oct/07/in-state-drinking-water-in-tests-ok-201/>

As federal regulators weigh the possibility of regulating a harmful set of chemicals found in millions of Americans' drinking water, no testing conducted in Arkansas appears to show the chemicals' presence in the state's drinking water.

7 – Trump to allow year-round sales of high-ethanol gasoline, KTBS, 10/7/18

https://www.ktbs.com/news/texas/trump-to-allow-year-round-sales-of-high-ethanol-gasoline/article_b621034b-d9c1-5461-9b23-206127a2e45a.html

The Trump administration is moving to allow year-round sales of gasoline with higher blends of ethanol, a boon for Iowa and other farm states that have pushed for greater sales of the corn-based fuel.

8 – Farm bill tensions simmer, Politico, 10/5/18

<https://www.politico.com/newsletters/morning-agriculture/2018/10/05/farm-bill-tensions-simmer-363401>

House and Senate agriculture leaders emerged from an hourlong meeting in the basement of the Capitol on Thursday trying to send a signal of unity: The four lawmakers posed for a photo with locked arms. Behind the scenes, however, talks have been slow and tense.

9 – TCEQ continues efforts to resolve Craft-Turney water emergency, CBS 19, 10/5/18

<https://www.cbs19.tv/article/news/local/tceq-continues-efforts-to-resolve-craft-turney-water-emergency/501-601323981>

The Craft-Turney Water Supply Corp. let the TCEQ about a backflow incident affecting a small part of the system, 11 connections total on Wednesday.

10 - Report: Fire under control at Plaquemine chemical plant; road closed nearby, Baton Rouge Advocate, 10/9/18

https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/crime_police/article_b10cd6bc-cbbc-11e8-8ff6-fbebe0641078.html

Some people in Northwest Arkansas were concerned when they received a notice from their water authority stating there had been an EPA violation in the level of a certain chemical.

11 – OPINION: Trump’s EPA sending mixed signals to S.A., San Antonio Express-News, 10/9/18

<https://www.mysanantonio.com/opinion/commentary/article/Trump-s-EPA-sending-mixed-signals-to-S-A-13285553.php>

So far this year, at least 13 days were considered unsafe for breathing outside. President Donald Trump’s EPA notified San Antonio — with good reason — that it needs to clean up its air by lowering ozone, or smog, levels, yet the EPA has also proposed numerous rollbacks making it easier for industries to pollute and harder for San Antonio to clean its air.

12 - OPINION: La. can learn from red tide, Baton Rouge Advocate, 10/9/18

https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/opinion/article_8507328a-cb15-11e8-964a-ab76b26fb651.html

From Louisiana to Florida to Ohio, toxic algae outbreaks are growing year by year. The states — given a pass by the federal government — are doing practically nothing to regulate the pollution that is poisoning our water. Many state governments have actively and self-destructively deregulated what protections we do have.

13 - Hurricane Michael now Category 2, continues to strengthen as it tracks toward Florida, Baton Rouge Advocate, 10/9/18

https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/article_ac3b0116-cbbe-11e8-a66d-7f2a1cb24fb7.html

Hurricane Michael swiftly intensified into a Category 2 over warm Gulf of Mexico waters Tuesday amid fears it would strike Florida on Wednesday as a major hurricane. Mandatory evacuations were issued as beach dwellers rushed to board up homes just ahead of what could be a devastating hit.

14 - Indian American Students Named Winners of EPA’s President’s Environmental Youth Awards, India West, 10/9/18

https://www.indiawest.com/news/global_indian/indian-american-students-named-winners-of-epa-s-president-s/article_194bd8dc-c81a-11e8-b646-870f343369d4.html

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Sept. 21 announced the winners of the Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators and the most recent winners of the President's Environmental Youth Award with a few Indian Americans receiving accolades.